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TOPIC Soviet Summer Camp at Nochten Taken Over by the KVP, and Other InformationEVALUATION 25X1XPLACE OBTAINED

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1. Between 23 and 28 March 1953, the Soviet summer camp at Nochten was taken over by the KVP. The installation, which had a capacity of about 1,000 officers and 10,000 EM, was scheduled to be vacated by the Soviets after 9 April 1953. A large number of T-34 tanks, stationed at the camp, were also scheduled to be taken over. The installation was taken over under the direction of the billeting department of the territorial administrative agency at Dresden.¹

2. According to information the old seven territorial administrative agencies after 1 April 1953 were increased by three with the addition of Schwerin and Eggesin. All territorial administrative agencies were controlled by Lieutenant General Heinz Koffmann.²

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3. Effective 1 April 1953, Major General Willi Mayer, Deputy Minister of the Interior, was promoted.

1. Comment. On 11 April 1953, the camp at Nochten was occupied by 350 Soviet soldiers and 50 KVPs, who probably belonged to the taking-over party. . The capacity of about 11,000 men as indicated by the present report probably is correct, since the Soviet 9th Meck Div was annually rotated to the training camp at Nochten-Weisswasser for summer training. It is doubted that the T-34 tanks should be taken over by the KVP. The territorial administrative agency at Dresden is identical with the Armeegruppe Sued. It is concluded that the training camp at Nochten-Weisswasser probably belongs to the area of the Armeegruppe Sued.

2. Comment. A previous report contained statements on the territorial administrative agencies. . Another previous report also furnished information on these agencies in connection with the so-called area commands of the National Army. . Another previous report supplied information on the territorial administrative agencies at Pasewalk, Dresden, Leipzig and Dessau, which were referred to as army corps. . According to this information, these four territorial administrative agencies (TVWs) are identical with the four headquarters of KVP Armeegruppen which are known from deserters. The statements by these three

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[redacted] territorial administrative agencies or area commands mentioned in previous reports include Berlin, Leipzig, Erfurt, Dresden, Dessau, Pasewalk, Stralsund, Halle, Potsdam, Schwerin and Eggesin. The TVNs at Pasewalk, Dessau, Leipzig and Dresden were identified as command agencies (army corps or Armeegruppen). It is doubted that the other TVNs should also be command agencies with similar missions assigned. For the time being, the KVP does not include so large a number of large units as to justify the existence of 11 command agencies.

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